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EDITORIAL

In January, Midland Red's 'shoppers service' to and from Banbury was killed off. Now the axe is to fall on Heyfordian's service for shoppers (see page 6). If you object, please make sure that the Parish Council Transport Representative is told in good time.

This is the last issue which will show Sylvia Cannell as Treasurer. We are immensely grateful for all the hard work she has done in keeping the books and handling the accounts. Our thanks also to her successor, Marianne Elsley, former editor.

DIARY

April 4 Playgroup. Fruit and Produce Stall. Market Place. 10 am.
4 British Legion. Mixed Blessings.
4-5 Deddington Clean-up Weekend
8 Wesleyan Chapel. Oxford Probation Service. 7.30 pm.
11 PTA Race Nite. British Legion. 8 pm.
11 Oxford Mission to Bangladesh. Sale at Ivy House. 10 am.
14 WI Talk 'Collectors Mania'. Holly Tree Club. 7.30 pm.
14 Congregational Church Women's Fellowship. Mrs Shuckman. 2.30 pm.
17 Good Friday Service. Barford Methodist Church. 10.30 am.
18 Scouts Mammoth Car Wash. Bullring. 9 am to 1 pm.
18 British Legion. Fergus.
19 Easter Sunday - various church services.
21 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE
22 Parish Council Meeting. Town Hall. 7.15 pm.
24 Fire Service Cabaret Evening. Windmill Centre. 8 pm to 12.30 am
26 St George's Day Parade. Banbury Market Place. 1 pm.
28 Congregational Church Women's Fellowship. Mrs C Plank. 2.30 pm.
29 Holly Tree Club. Coach trip to Gloucester.

May 2 British Legion. Jefferson Kane.
2 Old Tyme Music Hall (Congregational Church). Holly Tree Club. 7 pm.
4 May Day Bank Holiday
9 Windmill Capital Fund Spring Fair. Windmill Centre. 2 pm.
11 Junior Cricket Club starts. Windmill Centre. 6.30 pm.
13 Holly Tree Club. Coach trip to the Wye Valley.
16 PTA Car Boot Sale. School playground. 10 am to approx 2 pm.
16 British Legion. Tony Casper.
16 Bowls Club. Plant and Produce Stall. Town Hall.
26 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE
27 Parish Council Meeting followed by AGM
30 British Legion. Passport.

June 3 Wesleyan Chapel. Bishop Bedan on Kenya. 7.30 pm.
5 Christian Viewpoint. Holly Tree Club. Stephen Vesse NCH.
13 Bowls Club. 50/50 Auction
23 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE
24 Parish Council Meeting. Town Hall. 7.15 pm.
27 Deddington Primary School Fete, from 12 noon.

D E D D I N G T O N P A R I S H C O U N C I L

REPORT OF THE MEETING ON 25 MARCH 1987

Town Hall Tender for painting by Rogers of Bloxham: accepted.

Bowls Club Request to hold 50/50 auction in Town Hall: no objection.

Hopcraft Lane and other areas in bad state of repair: County Council to be informed.

Bullring/Horsefair Cllr Marmion's report on traffic problems to be referred to County Council.

B.4031 to Clifton Mr Berridge has again pressed Cllr Clifton and the County Council to impose a weight restriction.

Chipping Norton Theatre asked for £70 grant to put on an entertainment in Deddington. PC requested more information.

Bank Holidays No refuse collection on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Plastic sacks will be distributed.

Litter Some Banbury businesses might sponsor litterbins in Deddington for 'blackspots'. PC to pursue and Cllr Mrs Swash to see if RDC would empty them. Previous ones were vandalised.

Castle Grounds Cllr Fenemore has rolled grass in readiness for mole catcher. RGS has offered to cut grass for £15 a time for seven months, and tendered £35 to cut cemetery grass and clean outside verges and parking spaces: accepted. Permission for dog show refused because of parking and fouling problems.

Seats PC recorded appreciation for provision of public seating: cemetery (anonymous); Market Place (Solar Designs); Holly Tree Club (Mr & Mrs Hayward).

Hempton Road A complaint that parking at the Daedings corner is a hazard has been conveyed to the Police. Excessive traffic speed near Playgroup Hut causes concern. A 'Danger' sign may be needed.

Community Volunteer Scheme Cllr Marmion reported on the progress of emergency planning and the need for trained community volunteers. Those interested should contact him on 38834.

Windmill Centre Letter sent to solicitors about lease. Cricket Club request for 15ft fence to protect nearby houses: referred to Rockwell for action. MEB will move street lamp to correct position. Spring Fair on 9 May will be attended by Parish Councillors. Cllr Webber's report on playground equipment is being considered.

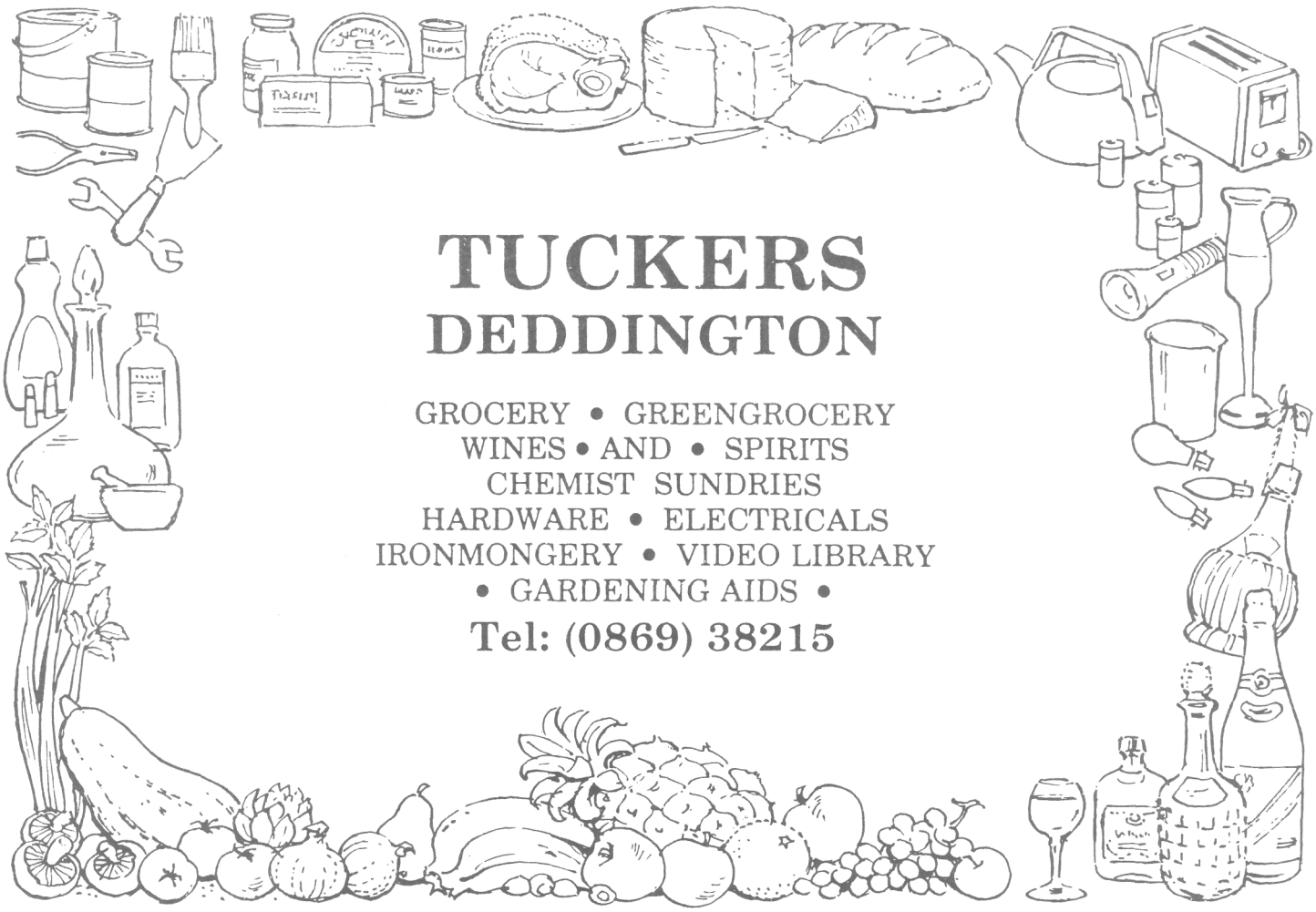
Planning

- Manor Farm - reapplication for permission to build four houses: no objection.
- Maunds Farmhouse - application to retain original access as well as approved new one. PC favour one access only.
- Old Fire Station - unsuccessful appeal against refusal to allow change of use from antique storage/repairs to dwelling. New application for change of use to property developers' office: not opposed, but concern expressed over the traffic problems, especially parking.

Accounts Major items passed for payment included

£515.30 to MEB for street lighting
£300.71 for consultants' report on the Windmill Centre
£187.13 on flooring for the Centre

THE COUNCIL THEN WENT INTO PRIVATE SESSION.



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THE WAY WE WERE Part 1

We began this series with our fingers crossed. Although we felt sure that there were well-established residents of Deddington with long memories and the ability to express them, we were by no means certain they would put their thoughts and reminiscences down on paper.

We need not have worried. The February and March issues of The Deddington News demonstrated that there are authors today who can bring the past alive.

It was Denis Valentine who started it all off, so it is fitting that he should begin this month's re-creation of "the way we were".

PORK RUN TO SMITHFIELD

by Denis Valentine

When I was a boy, nobody had ever heard of 'factory farming'. But we certainly had factory methods of transforming pig into pork. No sooner had we driven the pigs home from market than they went into the fasting pen. That very night the loaded lorries were taking pork to Smithfield Market, seventy miles away. The journey was quite an experience.

The Smithfield vehicle was a model 'T' Ford, with a load space about equal to a good kitchen table. Inside, a framework had been constructed from which to hang the pigs. And so they travelled, swinging on hooks. The whole thing was then sheeted over and tied down.

We usually set off about 11 pm, armed with a flask of cocoa and good, crusty bakehouse bread with dripping. The boss, who usually took our vehicle himself, was a heavy pipe smoker and his preparation included about half-a-dozen cherry-wood pipes, ready charged and positioned so that he could reach them without taking his eyes off the road.

It was pleasant enough in summer, but in winter it was so cold. The tiny cabin had no side windows and of course no form of heating; but if we removed one floorboard, we could get a bit of heat from the glowing exhaust pipe.

Often we would not see another vehicle until we were in spitting distance of London and that could be very lonely. One thing that did happen quite often was to be stopped by a policeman, who would naturally be suspicious and ask to see what we were carrying. "See for yourself", was the usual response. Imagine his surprise when his lamp shone upon twenty or so naked bodies hanging in rows.

We had to be in and out of the market by six o'clock. So often, if we were early, say about 4.30 am, we would be rattling along the Edgware Road and would stop at one of the all night cafes. There we could get hot cakes and a cup of tea. Although I felt sorry for the down-and-outs lying on the forms, I soon learnt to take no notice of them. I suppose they were lucky to be in the warm.

Above all it is the people I remember most, and the fact that London never slept. There was no end to the romance I could conjure up as a boy of twelve.

For three successive issues of The Deddington News, Denis Valentine has kept us informed and entertained. We suspect he is now suffering from writer's cramp. Even so, we hope to persuade him to put pen to paper again later this year and give us some more of what might be called "news from the past".

THE EDITORS

THE WAY WE WERE Part 2

Now for another writer who looked on our invitation as a challenge. He says he is not a Jane Austen, but will do his best to give us a picture of life and conditions in Deddington from 1914. What more could we ask ?

LOOKING BACK A VERY LONG WAY

By Bernard Bowerman, Clifton

I am not a native of Deddington. I was born at Aynho Station on 18 July 1905, but knew both villages very well and most of the people. We went to school at Aynho village primary school, average 90 pupils (now closed).

All our family of five did our stint of delivering papers to Aynho. They came by train at 8.10 am. When sorted we would leave at 8.30 am. We were supposed to be in school by 10 am. It is 1¼ miles to walk. I doubt if I was ever in at 10 am. I didn't like school or hurrying.

We did the round six days a week but John Whetton, the newsagent, was a religious man. The Sunday papers were delivered by George Butler of Aynho. He did Aynho, Clifton and Deddington on shanks's pony. We collected the money on Saturdays. Papers were 1 penny each, delivery 1 penny a week. We had to make out a list, reckoning it to tally with the money.

Then two of us took it to Deddington. The shop was only a paper shop where the post office is now. Mr. Whetton was very old with a flowing white beard. He went up the list with a large magnifying glass. But we were never faulted. We had no names on the papers. We drew the week's wage of half a crown - 12½p now, but it was silver when we had it. We walked tall and felt like a Rothschild.

Then across the road to the two Misses French who kept a small sweet shop. They were very nice ladies, tolerant with us as, being very rich, we could afford to be choosey so we scanned all the glass jars of sweets. If they had a fresh sort come in, we were given one to taste.

At Christmas we would go down to Mr Bill Gibbs's shop. It is now a picture frame shop. He sold all sorts of things, crockery, clothes, toys. We always bought something to make a noise - a whistle or mouthorgan which were a shilling and half a crown (5p and 12½p). So no doubt going home we thought we sounded like a ragtime band; but we never learned to play them.

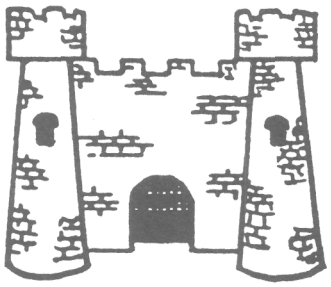
Just below Mr Gibbs was Mr John Fowler and his sister who worked a bakehouse but Mr Fowler died soon after I knew him after the first war. Mr Will Course, who had been an army cook, started his baker career down the street at the corner of The Tchure. It was lovely crusty bread, a change from the dry Co-op who used to dump all their stale loaves on us as we were last of the round.

Mr Course first took his bread round in Masons waggonette, driver provided. Then he had a BSA motor bike with a box sidecar. Then a Jowett 2 cylinder light van which he had for many years.

Next month Bernard Bowerman will continue taking us on his walk round the Deddington of long ago.

Now that we have found writers in Deddington and Clifton, what about you authors in Hempton? What have you got to tell our readers about life as it was in your village?

THE EDITORS



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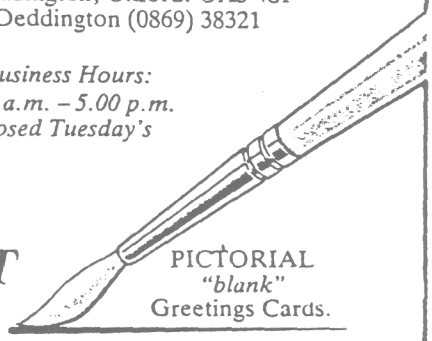

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"The memories came flooding back through the years" says Brian Mobley, who came across The Deddington News while researching his family history. He tells us that the family name was Shirley, and writes:

"The Shirleys lived in New Street, Deddington, just past the crest of the hill, and there were two daughters, Edith and Kate (my mother, now deceased), also two brothers, Harry and Edwin. Sadly the Shirley name has died with them but my Aunt Edie (Mrs Morris) is still well and in her 96th year, now living in care in Swindon (near her daughter) where she has lived the majority of her married life. Of the remaining Deddington connection only my cousins Rona and Bert and myself remain.

My own memories of Deddington are of the very late 1920s and 1930s, the big event being the Christmas family reunion at my grandmother's cottage, and on summer visits 'helping' my two uncles in the fields at harvest time.

My early memories at the cottage are of an outside bucket toilet (with a fear of falling through!); wash-house coppers on Mondays; trimming oil lamps and 'Valor' cooking stoves and the mess when they burnt dry or cracked a globe. Then there was the centrepiece - the big black cooking range - who remembers 'Zebo' - with a hanging kettle always singing and the shelf frieze above, with little bobbles hanging down; the flat irons on a trivet, the 'spitting test' and constant exchange as they cooled.

Then there was Gramp's pipe rack and Windsor chair, and that special treat, to help fetch the day's water from the pump along the road with its huge flywheel; and in the mornings to wake up to birds' song instead of the city noises, with the thought of home-cured bacon, 'tea-kettle broth' and a piece of Will Course's dough cake (or better, seedy cake).

My mother was born (in 1901) and lived her early years at Tom Hill Farm, Hempton, and attended Deddington School (1906-1915 approximately). I have heard her mention the following names as school friends or acquaintances, which may jog some memories: Deely, Hoare, Tibbetts, Hopcraft, Gilkes, and my uncles worked for a Mr Millington, I believe at Dane Hill Farm, using horses until well after the Second World War.

My father's family were residents of Deddington for a while as my father, Edward , served an apprenticeship and his father worked as a blacksmith (at Hopcrafts).

I wonder if any of the above notes are of interest to your readers. I would be pleased to enlarge upon them if so.

BRIAN J MOBLEY, Oxford

EDITORS' NOTE: We have asked Brian to write an article for a future issue. Meanwhile, he left in our safe keeping some old family photographs and the Deanery Magazine for 1901, in case anyone wants to look at them.

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Dear Editors

We were interested to read in the report of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 January 1987, dealing with the Castle Grounds, the words "Approach road ownership in doubt."

Without wishing to hinder a promising legal tussle, I would like to recall that for many years we paid a small fee to the Church Commissioners for the privilege of access from our drive to this same approach road.

If it should now turn out that the Commissioners were not the valid owners, what would be the odds against our getting our money back?

JOAN RAFFERTY ROBINS, Castle End

EDITORS' NOTE: Good question. Who will answer?

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS SERVICE

I have been notified of proposals to again revise the bus service, details of which are set out below.

If anybody has any comment or complaint to make about this, would they please let me know by 21 April 87, so that it can be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on 22 April. The Council would then have an opportunity to put forward a request for a service to be kept on or a new service to be introduced when the Public Transport Sub Committee have their next meeting in May 87.

PAT SWASH (Tel 38353)
Parish Transport Representative

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS - DEDDINGTON

Existing Heyfordian Travel Services

At present Heyfordian Travel provide a morning service on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from Deddington to Banbury allowing approximately two hours for shopping. On Thursdays only an additional morning and afternoon service operates to/from Banbury for shoppers.

Proposed Heyfordian Travel Service

Heyfordian Travel propose to WITHDRAW all the above services from the end of April 1987. However, the Public Transport Sub-Committee have agreed short term financial support to continue the existing services to allow for consultations with local parish councils.

Other Services

Midland Red South service X59 between Banbury and Oxford will continue in its present form, this providing five journeys in each direction on Monday to Saturday serving Deddington. In addition, services 491 and 499 will also continue in their present form. From Deddington to Banbury there are three journeys a day on Mondays to Fridays (two on Saturdays). From Banbury to Deddington there are five journeys a day on Mondays to Saturdays.

Tanners International continue to operate their Saturday afternoon service to/from Oxford.

National Express services 310 and 830 operate daily a basically two hourly service each way between Banbury and Oxford.

(N.B. The only alternative service from Clifton is the morning shoppers' service to Banbury provided by Midland Red South's 491/499.)

PROBATION SERVICE

Offenders from the Oxford Probation Hostel (with their warden) are coming to Deddington Wesleyan Church Hall on Wednesday 8 April at 7.30 pm. They will be bringing a recently made video film which exclusively features the work of the Oxford Hostel. Many offenders are taken from their home environment and placed in the hostel as an alternative to prison. You will be most welcome to come and hear how WE, the public, should perhaps be more tolerant towards probation work.

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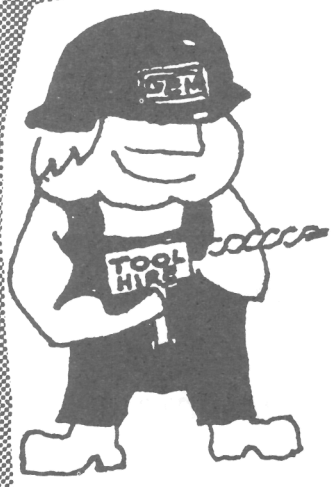

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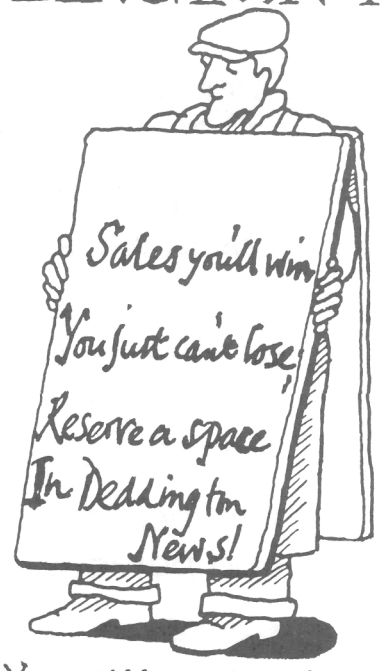

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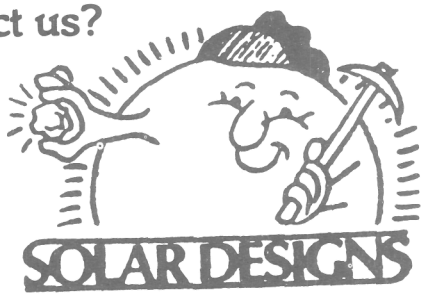

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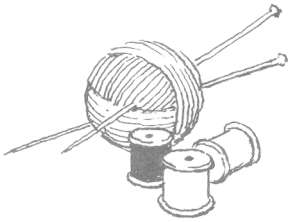

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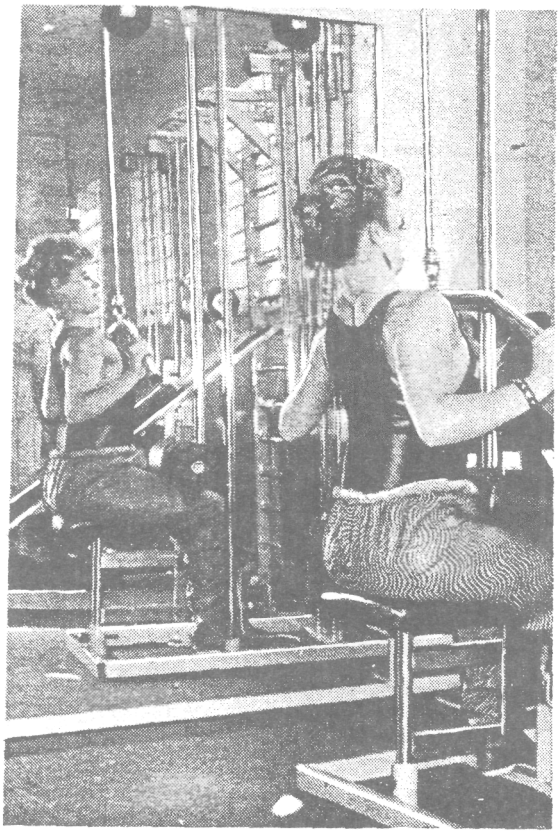

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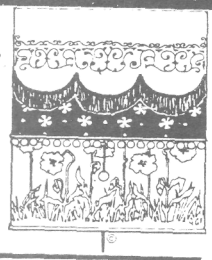

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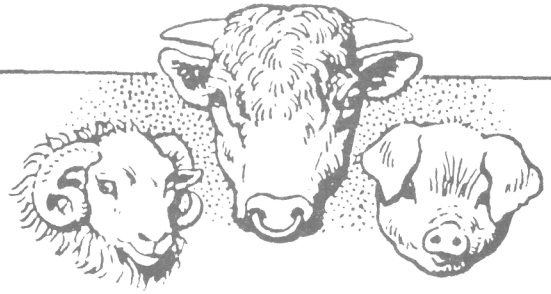

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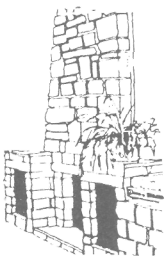

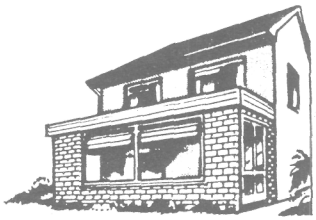

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SCHOOL NEWS

Holiday dates

I thought you might appreciate knowing the term and holiday dates, for holiday planning etc. I have added some school events and their dates.

End of Spring term:	Friday 10 April
Summer term begins:	Monday 27 April
May Day Bank holiday:	Monday 4 May
School Journey to Yenworthy:	Saturday 9 May to Friday 15 May
Summer half term:	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May
Oxfordshire Primary Schools Festival:	Monday 1 June to Friday 19 June (more details later)
School Fete:	Saturday 27 June
School Governors' meeting for parents:	Monday 1 July
Summer term ends:	Friday 17 July
Autumn term begins:	Thursday 3 September

There are a number of events for next term still to be fixed; I will let you know when we do fix them.

Dr Barnardo's

We had a most successful jumble sale on 6 March, at which we raised a few pennies short of £50. Thank you to everyone who donated goods, who helped at the sale, and who spent so freely, to help raise the money.

Warriner Schools Cross Country Run

A number of our 3rd and 4th year children took part in the Warriner Cross Country Run, at the Warriner, on Tuesday afternoon 24 March. They acquitted themselves admirably. Notable among the runners were Susie Webber who came first in the whole of the girls race, and Andrew Oddy who came second in the boys race. These were two remarkable achievements, but praise should also go to all who took part, particularly to those who struggled, but who managed to do better than they ever thought possible!

Dinner Supervisor

I am still desperately seeking help to fill the post of fourth Dinnertime Supervisor. It is not an onerous job, and entails helping to supervise some of the children in the hall and playground, every day during term time, between 12 noon and 1 pm. The pay works out at £2.27 per hour, and includes a free dinner daily. Please let me know if you are interested: your help would be greatly appreciated.

Pets on the School Field

I am sorry to have to moan, but I have had a complaint from one of our neighbours that people have been seen exercising their dogs on our School Field. I have already complained about this once before via The Deddington News. Whoever is doing this, please remember that it is a health hazard, and strongly contravenes County Council Regulations about the use of School Playing Fields. We are not living in a restricted urban area, with no spaces to exercise pets. There are many miles of paths, lanes and roads along and alongside which you can walk your dog. So please, from now on, DON'T use our field. It's not fair on the health of our children. How would you like it if someone exercised their pet in your back garden? Thank you. I'm sure you will understand.

Banbury Guardian

I've been unsuccessful so far in my search for a Banbury Guardian correspondent. Essentially the job involves collecting local news and information, and compiling a regular Deddington entry for the 'Round Town and Country' feature. Please contact me if you think you might be able to take on this interesting task.

JOHN MORGAN 38430

OBITUARY

Mrs N Lambert - died 12 March 1987

Mrs Nancy Lambert, aged 79, of Market Place Cottage, died suddenly on Thursday 12 March at Horton Hospital. Her funeral took place at Deddington Parish Church on 19 March.

Mr and Mrs Albert Sanders would like to thank the Meals on Wheels ladies who were always very courteous and kind when visiting her.

DEDDINGTON TREE PLANTING

Garden Spring Clean at last! Sometimes you will find tree seedlings that need to be removed. Would you save birch seedlings (brought by the wind), hazel, privet and yew seedlings (brought by the birds). I can usefully transfer them to the tree nursery for planting out in two or three years time. Quite a number of trees planted in our yearly projects have originated from Deddington gardens.

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OXFORD MISSION TO BANGLADESH

All readers of The Deddington News are invited to a coffee morning and sale at Ivy House, Market Place, on Saturday 11 April, starting at 10 am.

The event is to support Rev Matherson's orphanage for 100 boys in Bangladesh. Miss Matherson and Mrs Ingledew will be at Ivy House with a large assortment of attractive things for sale.

To add to the goods on sale, gifts of cakes, produce and plants would be much appreciated.

Please come and bring your friends.

ELIZABETH WARE

ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING UPHOLSTERY?

We have a few people in this village who are interested in doing upholstery, but to start a day class or an evening class we need at least ten keen people, preferably more. At the moment our idea is to start a day class in September, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, at the Windmill Centre.

If you have the slightest interest, or would like to know more, please ring me on Deddington 38135.

ROSEMARY ELLIS

DATING OF OLD HOUSES

Barbara Ritchie is still hoping for an April meeting of the Architectural and Historical Study Group, if Mr Rayson's Deddington slides are ready in time. Watch for notices in the Post Office and outside the Town Hall.

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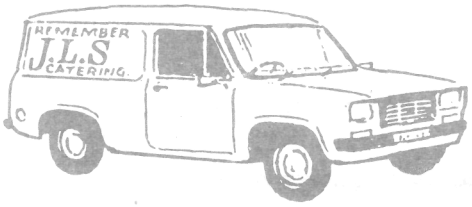

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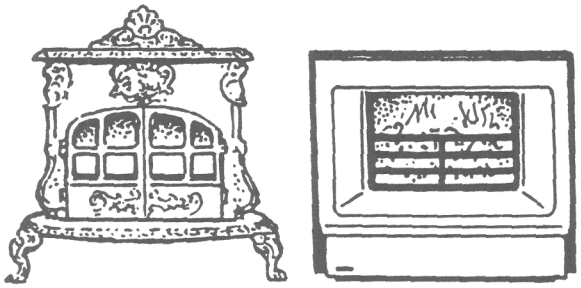

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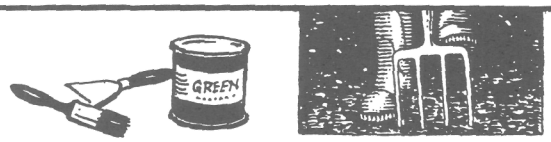

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While even in the far Azores
I've oft-times been besieged by bores.

When in Minorca I've been miffed
By being trampled in the lift;
And must I go to Marrakesh
To see those sunburned mounds of flesh ?

So ... after just one week has gone
I long for dear old Deddington !

ANON

W.I. RECIPE OF THE MONTH — Tuna Soufflé

You need (for 4) — 4 eggs, large tin of tuna fish, white sauce.

To make the white sauce : Put half a pint of milk into a saucepan with a knob of butter, gently dissolve the butter (only warm the milk). Then add 1 oz of plain flour and whisk it until you can no longer see the flour. Now gently bring the milk to the boil and stir all the time until the sauce thickens. Then take off the heat.

Cooking method:: Beat into the sauce the yolks of egg and the mashed tuna fish, and season. Put into a greased heatproof Pyrex or the like dish. Allow for the mixture to rise. Bake in a hot oven (400^{0} or gas mark 6) for about half an hour. The mixture should have risen and feel firm and look brown on top. Serve at once.

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DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We continue to keep busy ! In February I took 6 senior guides to Oxford to the County International Day. We learnt a lot about guiding in other countries and crafts from all over the world. A very interesting day out.

To celebrate Thinking Day we had our own candle-ceremony when we thought about guides in very different circumstances from our own in other parts of the world. We were also special guests of the girl scouts at Croughton base - a lovely afternoon was had by all.

Thank you to the parents Mr & Mrs Hooper, Mrs Brown and Mrs Gattley who kindly looked after everyone in my absence - I was singing in Westminster Abbey ! I was one of 10 Oxfordshire guiders in the choir for the National Thinking Day service - very memorable day !

I also recently attended the North Sea American Girl Scout conference in Norfolk. Great fun and very interesting - I learnt a lot which I hope I will be able to pass on in guiding.

Mrs Sue Ward was my companion for the half term hike. We walked about 6 miles from Deddington across country to Barford then South Newington. There the churchwarden, Mr. Doran, kindly unlocked the church for us and gave us a talk about the very old wall paintings. So after this and a most enjoyable day's walking and hilarious sessions trying to extract people from mud, we sat on the wall in the sun waiting for some noble Mums to come and collect us. Thank you everyone who helped.

Half-term wasn't over yet ! A good number of Deddington guides and scouts attended the Rainbow Club get-together - they outnumbered every one else, I think. Well done too, to Siobhan Parker and Paul Rampley who ran the creche virtually single-handed.

Lots of badges have been gained. We have had a re-shuffle and have some new leaders and each patrol has started with renewed vigour on their Patrol Purpose Patches. So we have a splendid variety of patrol activities going on at present and five senior guides are working on their Baden Powell Award.

Well done Sophie and Claudie Dawson and Sarah Gibbs who represented us in the Youth Road Safety quiz. They finished about half way down the field, in many cases against youngsters up to 3 years older - so well done girls.

Two of our guides are currently in USA. Penny has actually joined the girl scouts - so we're looking forward to hearing all about it. Pippa writes "Everytime the snow starts to melt, we get another storm!" and "Yes, I play American football, but they don't let girls pull each other down or jump on each other.... Most of our class complain about this and the fact we cannot do wrestling!" Sounds great! They're soon off to Disney World - all the guides are very envious.

We are in the process of raising money for our funds. Each guide has been given 50p - to make it grow. We have some very ingenious schemes afoot - we hope you will support us if you can.

Future date :

Sunday 26 April St.George's Day Parade, Banbury. 1 pm approx. Market Place.

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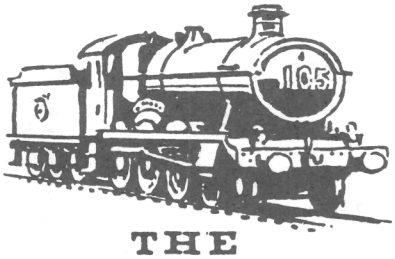

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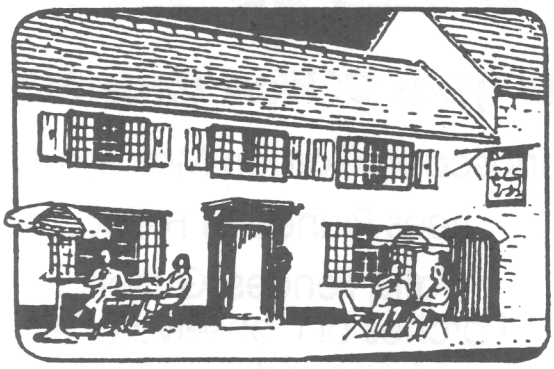

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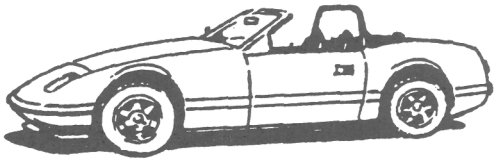

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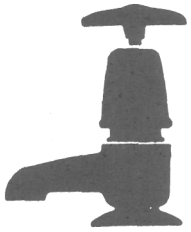

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PEGGY BUSBY

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Please would you place the following dates in your diary - all worth keeping.

11 April - Race Nite at the British Legion. We are starting at 8 pm. The entry fee is £2, which includes a really super buffet and we have a bar extension until midnight. If you haven't been before, then I can thoroughly recommend it. If you have been before, then I know we'll see you there because I have never heard of anyone who hasn't enjoyed themselves - lost a little money maybe, but never not enjoyed themselves. PLEASE SUPPORT US ON THIS NIGHT. EVERYONE WILL BE REALLY WELCOME.

16 May - Car Boot Sale in aid of Childline. We are holding a Car Boot Sale in the school playground from 10 am to around 2 pm. Come and buy some bargains - or why not book a pitch and sell some of that stuff in the attic you've been threatening to get rid of for years? Now's your chance to earn yourself some money and enjoy yourself at the same time.

27 June - School Fete. Please note that our School Fete this year will be held on 27 June. We will start at the same time as last year - 12 noon - with a Bar-b-que.

If you would like tickets for the RACE NITE or to book a pitch for the CAR BOOT SALE, please contact me on 38135 or any member of PTA or the school.

ROSEMARY ELLIS

DEDDINGTON W.I.

The March WI meeting was our AGM. It was well attended. The main concern of the AGM is to report on the year's activities and to elect a new committee. We have had a very good year, with a steady membership of about 40, which is all we can comfortably accommodate at the Holly Tree Club. We have had many interesting talks, and attended Group and other WI functions. Our President, Rosemary Herring, was unable to chair the meeting and we are pleased to know that she has since had a little son. All of us at the Institute congratulate her and thank her for her hard work over the year. Our new President is to be Mrs Ivings, and we hope that she will enjoy herself in the chair.

After the business part of the evening, two of our members gave us short talks. Mrs Shrewsbury told us a bit about the WI in the 40s. It was wartime then, and they were told how to make do with what was available. They learnt among other things to make slippers out of old felt hats! First find your hat, these days! As food was rationed then, each member brought along a little something to make up a tea. Then Mrs Smith gave a talk about the life her two sons had at the Westminster Choir School. They were both choristers and attended many important and grand occasions in London. It sounded like a very full life for a small boy, but they both declare, she says, that they enjoyed it and were pround to be there.

We rounded the evening off with a Mini-Auction, which was not only fun, but made a little money for our funds. The next meeting will be on 14 April when we shall hear a talk entitled Collectors' Mania: visitors are welcome, as are new members. 7.30 pm Holly Tree Club.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

C A L L I N G A L L C L U B S Part 3

PLAYGROUP

The Cheese and Wine Party on 20 March was a great success: everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and welcomed the chance to meet friends and make new aquaintances. Thanks are due to Jayne England and Diane Chatterton for the very popular patés, Ingrid Dale for dips and Ron and Maureen Colley for some delicious cheeses. Thanks also to Janet Shaw of JLS Catering for loan of glasses etc.

In the Autumn we intend holding a Donkey Derby/Autumn Fair in the Deddington School grounds to raise money for a much needed new building. So if anyone has any good ideas for a stall, or raising money, or any other contribution towards this event, please contact me.

Congratulations to two of our friends with new babies - Pam Dancer, a little girl, and Rosemary Herring, a little boy.

A warm welcome to two new children and their parents. James Gardner and Timothy Spencer have now settled in and are part of a very happy band of children.

Should any parent have any worries in connection with their child at Playgroup, please don't hesitate to contact either Sue Goss, our Supervisor, or any member of the committee, who will be only too pleased to help in any way possible.

VAL TARGETT
Playgroup Secretary, 38038

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Junior Cricket. Starting Monday 11 May, at 6.30 pm, there will be JUNIOR CRICKET every Monday at The Windmill during the summer months for the under 12s.

If you are under 12 on 1 May 1987 and would like to be coached by members of Deddington Cricket Club, then come along to The Windmill and join in. It doesn't matter if you haven't played before, because you will be taught, and we will do our best to help you enjoy cricket.

Bats, balls, pads, stumps etc. will be supplied by us, so all you have to do is turn up and enjoy yourselves.

See you on 11 May, 6.30 pm at The Windmill. Don't forget!

TERRY CLINCH, Secretary

SCOUTS

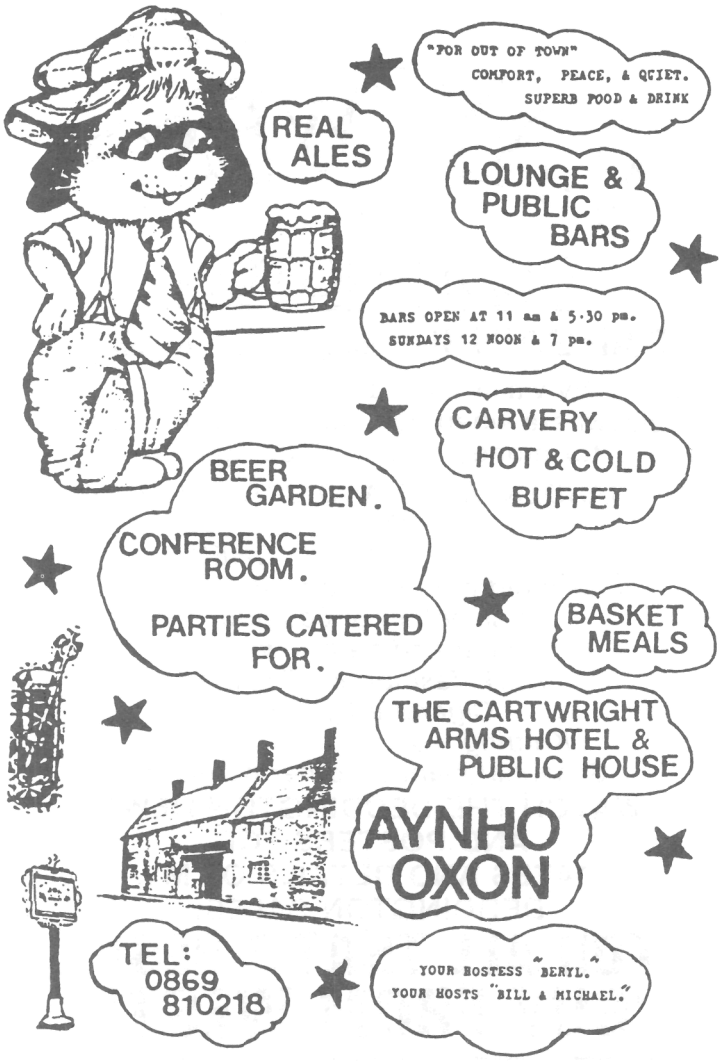
Scouting activities during the month have included knotting and lashing practice in preparation for an outdoor pioneering project later in the Spring, and an evening of energetic (for the lads!) wide games on the sports field.

During the month Greg Rampley passed his smallholder's badge, Bryan Selwyn his hobbies badge for an interesting collection and history of bookmarks, and Andrew Oddy and Chris Rose achieved their skier's badges - but in spite of all our local snow, they went abroad for the tests for this difficult badge.

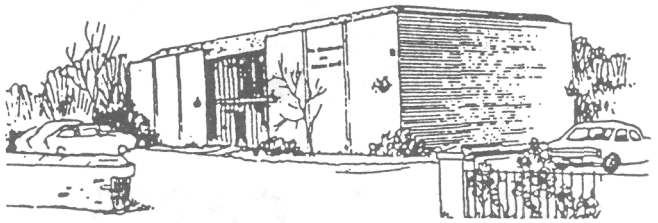
The major event for the troop in April will be attending the St George's Day parade in Banbury on the 26th.

TONY PARKER

STOP PRESS: Mammoth scout car washing session in the Bullring on 18 April from 9 am to 1 pm. All sizes of cars washed for only 75p each. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



THE BEAUCHAMP CLUB



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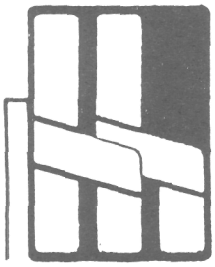

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This annual service is hosted in turn by the four denominations in this village, Anglican, Catholic, Congregational and Wesleyan. On 6 March this year, it was the turn of the Congregational Chapel. As the radiators in the Chapel had not been repaired after the bursts during the recent hard frosts, the Rev David Abel and members of the Wesleyan Chapel kindly agreed that the service could be held in their Chapel. Mrs Peggy North of Murcott was the speaker, a lady well known to most of us. The theme this year was "Rejoice". Mrs North gave a good address and, in her own inimitable way, turned what could have been a rather formal occasion with a set service, into a very informal one with special emphasis on caring and sharing. She brought along apples, sweets, etc. to share one with another but also reminded us that we are just a small part of the great wide world where sharing and caring should be one of the essentials of life. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" - what greater sharing or caring could there be. We can only try to emulate this love in our daily living by sharing and caring for others less fortunate than we are.

The snow and cold weather could have given people an excuse to stay away (one of the readings spoke of people making excuses when invited to the banquet) but a good number of representatives came from all of the churches, taking part in the readings, etc. and I feel sure the ladies went home feeling all the better for sharing together in a real united service.

JOYCE MINNEAR - Secretary
Deddington Congregational Church

DEDDINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A social evening is to be held on Saturday 2 May at 7 pm in the Holly Tree Club and will take the form of an OLD TYME MUSIC HALL by BENTLEY PLUS from Uppingham. Tickets are 75p for adults and 50p for children, and can be obtained from members of the Congregational Church.

Mrs Brenda Bentley is the daughter of Mr Eddie Lines and she, her husband and their family are very talented and have formed their own group and style of entertainment.

A warm welcome to you all.

JOYCE MINNEAR

DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHAPEL

The Minister and Chapel members wish to express a very big 'thank you' to everyone who supported the Jumble Sale on 21 March. The quality and quantity of clothing was beyond all expectation. The £380 target for Overseas Missions was achieved! We did not however raise sufficient funds to purchase paint for the Chapel, but the all important aspect is that:

i a roof will be built on a native church in Kenya costing £200;
ii a gift will be forwarded to Bishop Bedan towards pastoral support;
iii a gift of £100 will be sent to missionary Julie Wardman in the Philippines.

On 3 June, Bishop Bedan will be speaking in Deddington Chapel. Please book the date and time (7.30 pm). It will be interesting to hear first-hand what God is doing in Kenya.

Easter Services

GOOD FRIDAY	10.30 am	Barford Methodist Church
EASTER SUNDAY	8.00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00 am	Family Worship + Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Believers Baptism service
	6.00 pm	Family Worship at Barford

DAVID ABEL

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

Fire Calls

The last month has been about average for fire calls. 19 calls were received - 5 chimney fires, 2 road traffic accidents, 1 piggery fire, 3 false alarms on automatic systems, 1 false alarm with good intent and 7 calls to stand by at other stations. This brings this year's total so far to 50 calls.

Cabaret Evening

Don't forget our Carabet Evening, Friday 24 April 8 pm at the Windmill Centre. Tickets £3.00 in advance.

Recruits

We are still in need of more recruits, but alas no one seems to be interested in a rewarding, well paid hobby. Just ask all the other firemen how much satisfaction they get out of being in the Fire Service.

Obituary

We were greatly saddened to hear of the death of a very close colleague of ours, Sub-officer John Wixey of Charlbury, who was fatally injured during fire fighting operations at an incident on Wednesday 18 March. John was a very well liked, very pleasant and jovial person, who will be sorely missed by us all. Our deepest sympathy and thoughts are with his widow, Janet, and son Matthew, at this very distressing time.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES

POLICE CORNER

This month I want to seek your co-operation on two matters which have been causing some concern :

1) The Deddington Charity Estates and the occupants of the Almshouses in Church Road have complained about damage to property and other nuisances caused by children and youths. Somewhat similar complaints have been received from residents of The Bullring.

It should be recognised that many of our villagers are elderly and, apart from any damage, such behaviour causes them mental anxiety to the extent that they may not feel safe to go out alone.

You know I'm not a spoil sport but I also have to point out that playing ball games on the streets is against the law. Our children are fortunate in having the Castle Grounds and other playing fields and if they go there in groups no harm should come to them. Let us all have concern for each other in these matters.

2) Mr. Albert Humphries, the Officer in charge of Deddington Fire Service, points out that the indiscriminate parking of cars and other vehicles in Windmill Street would prevent fire or other emergency services reaching the scene promptly, with consequent risk to life and property. Parking must be such as to permit easy access to all properties.

I also point out that when parking at night, in what are otherwise authorised areas, vehicles must be parked on the correct side of the road, that is, with their nearside alongside the kerb.

P.C. KEATS
Police House, Deddington

WINDMILL CAPITAL FUND

S P R I N G F A I R

SATURDAY 9 MAY 1987 - 2 PM - WINDMILL CENTRE

Many local clubs and groups are joining with us to put on A SPRING FAIR, with the proceeds benefitting both the participating clubs and The Windmill Capital Fund.

There will be many stalls, including Bottle, Provisions and Home Produce etc, plus competitions such as a Penalty Shoot-Out. A major raffle will have a superb camera as first prize.

A GRAND DANCE run by the Badminton Club, from 7.30 pm to midnight, will ensure a wonderful end to the day.

The Parish Council are inviting to the Spring Fair a celebrity and dignitaries from the Sports Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council and Oxford Rural Community Council, to commemorate the unveiling of the plaque for The Best Kept Village of 1986.

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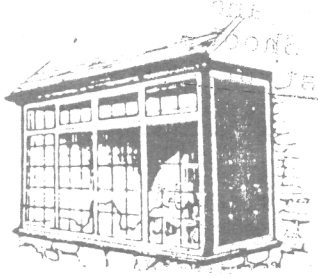

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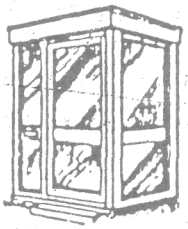

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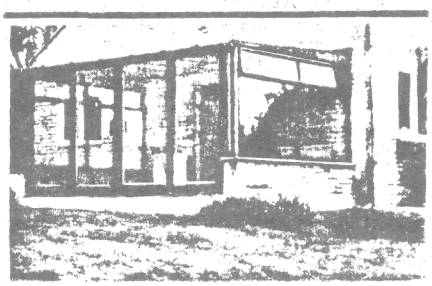

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Third prize — John Dyett, 20 The Daedings, Hempton Road, Deddington

Ian B Sloan, who kindly sponsored the competition and donated the prizes, writes: "I would be grateful if you would thank all those who participated in the competition for their efforts. We received 62 entries, all but one of which we were able to consider. Sadly, someone forwarded to us a form without putting a name, address or telephone number ! "

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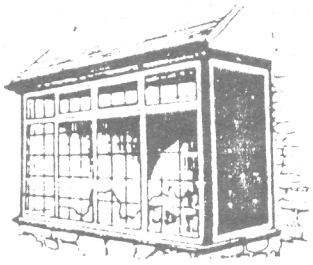

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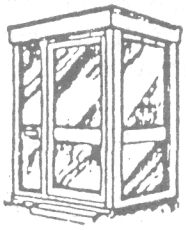

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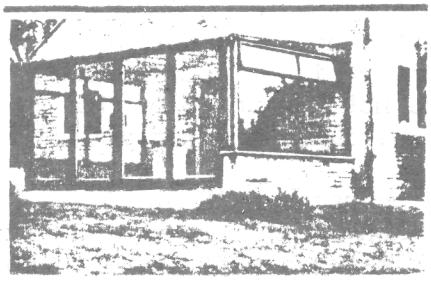

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